100,000 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled Common Services Centres (CSCs) predominantly in the rural areas across the country by the year 2007. These CSCs would be promoted on a sustainable entrepreneur - based model supported by the Central and State Governments. For this purpose, DIT has prepared draft framework outlining policy, strategy and contours of financial support for rapid proliferation of CSCs. As per the framework, a National Level Service Agency (NLSA) has been selected to workout details of the CSCs scheme.

(c) CSCs would have the flexibility to offer a mix of services (both Government and non-Government including localized services) that may be needed by the local community.

(d) Government employees would be imparted training to cope-up with the new environment and as such no adverse impact on employees is contemplated.

Representations of private cellular operators

909. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether private cellular operators have made several representations to Government against undue benefits including Access Deficit Charges (ADC) being given to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) whether these benefits including ADC being given to BSNL will end up in making 60 million odd mobile subscribers to subsidize telephony cost of 40 million odd BSNL subscribers;

(c) if so, the reasons for creating unlevelled playing field by favouring BSNL; and

(d) what steps are being taken to stop such benefits forthwith derived from other cellular operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The ADC is distributed over various types of calls, namely:

Fixed to Fixed, Fixed to WLL(M), Fixed to Cellular, WLL(M) to Fixed,

WLL(M) to WLL(M), WLL(M) to Cellular, Cellular to Fixed, Cellular to WLL(M), Cellular to Cellular, Incoming International Calls and Outgoing International Calls.

The rates of ADC have been revised from time to time.

(c) ADC has been levied by TRAI as a part of the tariff rebalancing exercised and implementation of the cost based Interconnection Usage Charge Regime including 'Calling Party Pays' Regime for the Cellular Services. BSNL also like any other operator contributes to the ADC that is being received by BSNL. Private operators are also eligible to get ADC subject to conditions prescribed by TRAI. Therefore, no unlevelled playing field is created.

(d) No such benefit is being derived from other cellular operators.

Review in IT Act to address cyber crimes

910. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed changes in the IT Act will address the spurt in cyber crimes and data theft/pilferage by staffers of Call Centres;

(b) whether the proposed changes include deletion of 'hacking' giving Government sweeping powers to monitor internet, easing liabilities of network service providers and not bringing in a specific data protection law; and

(c) whether enforcement of IT Act needs complementary support of IPC, Contrat Act and Consumer Protection Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposed changes in the IT Act, 2000 would further strengthen the provisions related to Cyber Crimes.

(b) No, Sir. The offence relating to hacking is not proposed to be deleted. The offence related to hacking would be covered under the various provisions of the IT Act.

(c) The Information Technology Act is basically to promote e-governance and e-commerce related activities. Some of the computer related offences are covered specifically in the IT Act. However, certain offences which are